



National Association of State
Controlled Substances Authorities

NASCSA Resolution 2015-07
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Scottsdale, Arizona

A Resolution Relative to Consumer Drug Disposal

WHEREAS, the purpose of The National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) is to provide a continuing mechanism through which states, federal agencies and others can work to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of state and national efforts to prevent prescription drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, more attention is being focused on the alarming rates of prescription drug misuse and abuse, proper control and disposal of unused medication has been identified as one method of prevention; and

WHEREAS, Federal regulations have been finalized and a number of legislative bodies in various states, districts and territories have enacted laws that require the safe disposal of medications; and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of widespread disposal options for consumers, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) recently announced it is reinstating the National Drug Take-Back program until other sustainable programs can take effect; and

WHEREAS, currently, the National DEA take-back programs occur two days per year providing the public limited access to disposal methods; and

WHEREAS, even though periodic sponsored Take-Back programs are effective, out of convenience, consumers prefer to take back drugs where they get them, such as retail pharmacies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, NASCSA applauds DEA for reinstating the National Drug Take-Back programs with public messaging to promote secure and responsible disposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order for sustained Take-Back programs to be established, NASCSA encourages state controlled substance authorities and boards of pharmacy, retail pharmacies and other healthcare entities to provide the public with sustained responsible and secure means to dispose of drugs, meeting the goals of the Controlled Substances Act of 2014, Disposal of Controlled Substances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NASCSA encourages the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) to support and convene meetings with responsible associated regulatory agencies and industry leaders to create dialogue and solutions that provide sustained take-back programs throughout the United States.

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ATTEST: _____
President

DATE: October 23, 2015